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SERIAL	DATE	DESCRIPTION (TYPE OF COMM, TO, FROM)	NO OF PGS	SENT TO BUREAU	BUFILE NOS. DIRECTED TO
1625	1/31/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
1626	1/31/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Newark	2	yes	
1627	1/31/49	New York teletype to Miami, Bureau	1	yes	
1628	1/31/49	New York teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1629	1/31/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
1630	1/31/49	New York teletype to Bureau, New Haven	1	yes	
1631	1/31/49	Boston teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
1632	1/31/49	Little Rock teletype to New York, Bureau, Philadelphia	3	yes	
1633	1/31/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
1634	1/31/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Philadelphia, New York, Bureau	1	yes	
1635	1/31/49	Teletype to New York, Bureau, Washington Field Office	2	yes	
1636	1/28/49	Letter to New York from New Haven	1	no	released in full

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1637	1/31/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	1	yes	
1638	1/31/49	Report of Special Agent Alker	8	yes	
1639	1/28/49	Letter to Director from New York .	10	yes	
1640	1/28/49	Letter to Director from Washington Field Office	1	yes	
1641	1/28/49	Report of Special Agent Pfeiffer	24	yes	
1642	1/28/49	Report of Special Agent Farr	67	yes	
1643	1/28/49	Report of Special Agent Jones	120	yes	
1644	1/28/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, Pittsburgh	1	yes	
1645	1/28/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau, Seattle	1	yes	
1646	1/28/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1647	1/28/49	Washington Field Office letter to Bureau	3	yes	
1648	1/31/49	New York letter to New Haven	1	no	released in full

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1649	1/31/49	Lab report to New York	1	yes	
1650	1/31/49	Lab report to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
1651	1/31/49	Lab report to Springfield	1	yes	
1652	1/31/49	Bureau teletype to Newark	1	yes	
1653	1/31/49	Lab report to Baltimore	1	yes	
1654	1/31/49	Lab report to Washington Field Office	1	yes	
1655	2/1/49	Boston teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New York	1	yes	
1656	2/1/49	Albany teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
1657	2/1/49	Bureau teletype to New York	1	yes	
1658	2/1/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
1659	2/1/49	Washington Field Office teletype to Philadelphia, New York	1	yes	
1660	2/1/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Newark	1	yes	

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1661	1/28/49	Report of Special Agent Higson	10	yes	
1662	1/30/49	Report of Special Agent Haverty	2	yes	
1663	1/31/49	Report of Special Agent Pash	2	yes	
1664	1/31/49	Washington Field Office letter to Director	1	yes	
1665	1/31/49	Chicago letter to Director	1	yes	
1666	2/1/49	Memo to Assistant Special Agent in Charge Belmont, New York to File	1	no	released in full
1667	2/1/49	Bureau teletype to New York	2	yes	
1668	2/1/49	Little Rock teletype to Bureau, New York, Philadelphia	2	yes	
1669	2/1/49	Baltimore teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
1670	2/1/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	2	yes	
1671	2/1/49	New York letter to Director	1	yes	
1672	2/2/49	Washington Field Office teletype to New York	2	yes	

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1673	2/2/49	Teletype Special Agent in Charge, Washington Field Office to Special Agent in Charge, New York	2	no	released in full
1674	2/1/49	Miami teletype to Bureau, Baltimore New York	1	yes	
1675	2/2/49	San Francisco teletype to Bureau, New York Washington Field Office	1	yes	
1676	2/1/49	New Haven teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
1677	2/1/49	St. Paul teletype to Bureau, Buffalo, New York, Washington Field Office	2	yes	
1678	2/1/49	Philadelphia teletype to Bureau, New York	1	yes	
1679	2/1/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Los Angeles	1	yes	
1680	2/1/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	2	yes	
1681	2/1/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New Haven	1	yes	
1682	2/1/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Charlotte, Washington Field Office, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Baltimore	2	yes	
1683	2/1/49	New York teletype to Boston	1	no	released in full
1684	2/1/49	New York teletype to Bureau, San Diego	1	yes	

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1685	2/1/49	New York teletype to Bureau, New Haven	1	yes	
1686	2/1/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Philadelphia	1	yes	
1687	2/1/49	New York teletype to Baltimore	1	yes	
1688	2/1/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Newark	1	yes	
1689	2/1/49	Teletype to Bureau	1	yes	
1690	2/1/49	New York teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office	2	yes	
1691	2/2/49	Boston teletype to New York	1	no	released in full
1692	2/2/49	Boston teletype to Bureau, Washington Field Office, New York, Baltimore	1	yes	
1693	2/1/49	New York teletype to Bureau	3	yes	
1694	1/38/49	Report of Special Agent Brenneisen	2	yes	
1695	1/31/49	Washington Field Office teletype to, Director, San Francisco	1	yes	

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice

New Haven, Connecticut
January 28, 1949

To SAC, New York

From SAC, New Haven

Re: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS

The enclosed material is being forwarded Registered Mail from the Waterbury Resident Agency to save time.

Enclosed are one pack of film from a Speed Graphic Camera and one roll of moving picture film. Neither has been processed.

The first three Speed Graphic photos are of the Thomaston House.
The next two are of the Hotel Thomaston, formerly Park Hotel.
The next three are of the Rabbit Tourist home.
The next two are of the Goodall Tourist Home.
The next two are of the Ives Tourist Home.

The moving pictures have been taken in the same order.

Rec'd photo lab.
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1 pk Super XV
1 roll 16MM.



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January 31, 1949

SAC, New York

7 JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, was. ET AL;
PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R

There is being enclosed herewith one copy of the following reports in the case entitled "JOSEPH JIULETTI, was. ET AL; ESPIONAGE":

Report of SA A. D. HORN, dated May 2, 1934 at New York (photostat)

Report of SA A. D. HORN, dated July 3, 1934 at New York (photostat)

Report of SA A. D. HORN, dated May 8, 1934 at New York

Report of SA A. N. CARLBLOM, dated February 21, 1940 at New York

There is also being furnished one copy of a memorandum of SA A. D. HORN dated April 28, 1934 in the same matter.

The above is furnished to complete your file in connection with the proposed interrogation of JIULETTI.

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cc NY 65-28

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United States Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Investigation

New York, New York
February 1, 1949

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MEMO

RE: JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, et. al.
PERJURY
ESPIONAGE - R

MR. SCHEIDT	
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MR. COLLIER	
MR. GRANVILLE	
MR. KUBERTZ	
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On January 31, 1949, Mr. H. B. Fletcher of the Bureau advised that, in the event we get inquiries from various field divisions in which there are leads on this case concerning the January 31st deadline, we should feel free to advise these offices that the January 31st deadline pertains to information relative to the perjury prosecution on ALGER HISS and does not pertain to the general background intelligence information being gathered.

He further advised that the Bureau desires us to prepare a prosecutive summary report relative to the HISS perjury charge and that this report should be out by February 15, 1949.

A. H. BELMONT
ASAC

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE DASH R, DASH R. CHAMBERS PRESENT IN WASHINGTON, D. C. FROM ONE PM UNTIL SIX THIRTY PM TODAY AND ASSISTED WFO AGENTS DURING THIS TIME. MAIDS OF ALGER HISS HAD OPPORTUNITY OF VIEWING CHAMBERS, BUT ONLY ON RECOGNIZED HIM. CLAUDIE CATLETT, MAID FROM APPROXIMATELY NINETEEN THIRTYFIVE UNTIL SOMETIME IN THIRTYEIGHT OR THIRTYNINE, RECOGNIZED H AND ASSOCIATED HIM WITH HISS RESIDENCE AT TWENTYNINE ZERO FIVE P STR NORTHWEST. SHE SAYS THAT SHE MAY HAVE SEEN HIM AT THE OTHER ADDRESS BUT DOES NOT RECALL IT AND WOLXXX WOULD NOT HAVE PAID ANY ATTENTION HIM AFTER SEEING HIM FOR THE FIRST TIME. CHAMBERS DOES NOT RECOGNIZ ANY OF THESE MAIDS. CHAMBERS AND CATLETT SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME RE CALLING INCDXXX INCIDENTS OF MUTUAL KNOWLEDGE PERTAINING TO THE HISS CATLETT RECALLS RED RUG IN CLOSET OF HISS RESIDENCE ON THIRTIETH STR AND RECALLS THAT MRS. HISS DID NOT USE THE RUG AT THIS ADDRESS, AND HISS STATED THAT IT WAS NOT THEIR RUG. WHEN HISS MOVED TO THE VOLTA PLACE ADDRESS, THIS RUG WAS PLACED IN THE ROOM OF TIMOTHY HOBSON WHI ROOM IS LOCATED IN ATTIC. CHAMBERS BELIEVES THIS RUG IS THE ONE HE PRESENTED TO HISS. CATLETT RECALLS AN INCIDENT WHEREBY AN UNIDENTIF MAN INQUIRED FOR ALGER OR PRISCILLA HISS WHEN THE HISSSES RESIDED ON PLACE, NORTHWEST DURING HXXX CHRISTMAS SEASON. CATLETT RECALLS THA HISSSES WERE AWAY AND THAT THE MAN CAME THERE TWICE IN THE EVENING IN QUIRING FOR THEM. SHE IS UNABLE TO STATE THAT THIS MAN WAS WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, BUT DEFINITELY RECALLS INCIDENT AS SHE CONSIDERED A VISTXX VISIT OF THIS NATURE UNUSUAL.

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FROM AVAILABLE INFORMATION, THIS PROBABLY DXXX OCCURRED DURING CHRISTMAS SEASON OF THIRTYEIGHT. WFO CONDUCTING IMMEDIWXXX IMMEDIATE INVESTIGATION TO DEFINITELY ESTABLISH TENURE OF CATLETTS SERVICE AS MAID. ADDITIONAL MAIDS WILL OBSERVE CHAMBERS FEBRUARY TWO. EXHAUSTIVE EFFORTS BEING MADE TO ASCERTAIN IDENTITY OF ANY ADDITIONAL MAIDS EVER EMPLOYED BYHXXX BY HISS IN WASHINGTON, D. C. CHAMBERS ALSO TENTATIVELY IDENTIFIED TWO APARTMENT BUILDINGS IN LINCOLN PARK AREA OF WASHINGTON ONE OF WHICH POSSIBLY USED BY DAVID CARPENTER, WA. ZIMMERMAN. INTENSIVE INVESTIGATION UNDER WAY TO ASCERTAIN OCCUPANTS OF THESE BUILDINGS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD. QUESTIONS WERE ALSO DIRECTED TO CHAMBERS OXXX CONCERNING VARIOUS ACTIVITIES OF ALGER AND PRISCILLA HISS DURING PERTINENT PERIOD IN WASHINGTON. TIXXX THIS QUESTIONING NOT COMPLETED AND WILL BE CONTINUED DXXX FEBRUARY TWO AT WHICH TIME CHAMBERS WILL ALSO IDENTIFY RESIDENCES IN GEORGETOWN, WASHINGTON AREA.

HOTTEL

BUREAU ADVISED.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

New York, New York
February 1, 1949

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BOSTON URGENT

JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS, ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE, R. SUTEL
WHEN PHOTOGRAPHS OF TOURIST HOMES IN PETERBORO, N.H., AS REQUESTED IN NY
TELS JAN. TWENTY SEVEN AND TWENTY EIGHT, WILL ARRIVE THIS OFFICE.

SCHEIDT

☒ MR. SCHEIDT
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

NEW YORK, NEW YORK
FEBRUARY 1, 1949

Transmit the following Teletype message to: BALTIMORE URGENT


JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS ET AL, PERJURY, ESPIONAGE - R,
IS - R. RE UNSUB KEITH, RE NY TEL JANUARY EIGHTEEN LAST, PHOTOGRAPH
OF KEITH DEMPSTER CRANE HAS BEEN SHOWN TO WHITTAKER CHAMBERS WHO STATES
SAME IS DEFINITELY NOT UNSUB KEITH. ACCORDINGLY NO FURTHER INVESTIGATION
IN THIS CASE ON KEITH DEMPSTER CRANE. BUREAU AND OTHER OFFICES WITH LEADS
HAVE BEEN PREVIOUSLY ADVISED.

SCHEIDT

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JAY DAVID WHITTAKER CHAMBERS, WAS., ETAL, PERJURY, ESP R. REURTEL
 FEB. ONE. UNDEVELOPED FILM PHOTOS OF TOURIST HOMES IN PETERBORO,
 N. H. WILL BE FORWARDED NEW YORK THIS DATE.

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